

Youthcentral - Roving Reporter Position Description

www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

Key Points

- There are a total of 30 positions available
- Applicants may be selected to ensure a representation of metropolitan and rural Victoria and reflect the diverse backgrounds of young people in Victoria. (ie. inclusion of young people with indigenous & multicultural backgrounds where possible)
- Positions are from July 2007 until January 2008
- Applications close at 5pm, Friday June 8, 2007

Duties

As a Roving Reporter you will:

- Be paid to research and write articles, reviews and interviews of interest to young Victorians
- Be working freelance (away from the youthcentral office)
- Contribute ideas & content from your local area
- Promote the website in your local community
- Provide ideas for quiz questions
- Provide feedback on site design, content and functionality, and
- Report on or help promote youthcentral at career expos, program launches and festivals.

Criteria

To nominate yourself as the Roving Reporter you need to be:

- Between 16 and 24 years of age.
- Familiar with and have regular access to the Internet
- Able to commit 2-3 hours per week for at least six months to work on providing content for the website
- Capable of writing independently and meeting deadlines
- Able to attend one of the two training workshops
- Able to develop or access local knowledge of youth events and services

Want more info? Meet a current reporter at:
www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/harry

Commitment

You will be required to:

- Allocate 2-3 hours per week for 6-8 months
- Meet at least twice in six months with the Youth Participation Officer
- Complete one of the 2-day training workshops in Melbourne on July 4-5 or 10-11, and
- Attend the celebration event in January 2008.

Rewards

Benefits of being a Roving Reporter include:

- Acquiring skills in communications, research, multimedia or information technology which could assist you with further study or career opportunities,
- Opportunities to attend program launches, expos, festivals and concerts as a reporter for youthcentral,
- Access to podcasting and video training workshops,
- Your own direct URL with an online portfolio of your work, for inclusion in resumes, such as: www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au/jessw
- Developing your leadership skills and representing your local community
- Working with and meeting other young people from around the State as the sixth Roving Reporter team of what is an exciting project, and
- Gaining first hand experience with government and freelance journalism.

What is youthcentral?

youthcentral is the State Government's website for Victorians aged 12-25. It makes government and its services more accessible to young people online in their own communities.

This site is a valuable resource for young people wanting information about jobs and careers, services and events in their local area, studying, travel, money and more. www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au

How to apply

Complete the Application Form and post, fax or email to:

Nigel Preston, Youth Participation Officer, youthcentral - Office for Youth, Department for Victorian Communities
Post: GPO Box 2392, Melbourne, VIC, 3001 **Fax:** 03 9208 3226 **Email:** nigel.preston@dvc.vic.gov.au

What happens after that?

After the closing date, you will be notified of the applications progress/ result via phone or email in the week beginning June 11. You may be contacted to answer a few extra questions if we are having difficulty choosing between applications. Unsuccessful applicants will be retained on our database for future opportunities.

For more information, phone 9208 3564 - www.youthcentral.vic.gov.au